

WIC PROGRAM



Building a Healthy Montana Promoting & Supporting Breastfeeding

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Regional WIC Directors

FROM: Kim Mondy

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SUBJECT: Changes to Nutramigen Formula

Mead Johnson has introduced a new version of Nutramigen LIPIL - Nutramigen with Enflora LGG. Nutramigen with Enflora LGG will serve as a replacement product for Nutramigen LIPIL. The new product contains extensively hydrolyzed protein and Lactobacillus GG (LGG), a probiotic which per the manufacturer's information is designed to "support healthy and normal functioning of the GI tract." A picture of a can of Nutramigen with Enflora LGG is enclosed with this memo.

The Nutramigen Enflora LGG is available in the powdered form only. Nutramigen LIPIL will continue to be manufactured in the concentrate and ready-to-feed formats.

As recommended with all formula changes, participants whose infants are currently on Nutramigen LIPIL should be encouraged to check with their infants' health care providers prior to changing. If a health care provider does not wish for an infant to change to the new version of the formula, Nutramigen LIPIL may be issued in the concentrate form.

Unfortunately, the Nutramigen Enflora LGG is being produced in a smaller 12.6 oz. size can. This changes the number of cans we will issue in WIC for our food packages. New food packages have been created for this product and a revised copy of the food package tables is included with this memo.

This creates a problem with issuance as participants must be issued checks for the version of the formula currently available in the stores. Due to the change in can size and associated cost participants may not purchase Nutramigen Enflora LGG with Nutramigen LIPIL checks and vice versa. Of course, there are participants who have already been issued two or three months' worth of checks. Participants' checks for Nutramigen LIPIL may need to be voided and reissued for Nutramigen Enflora with LGG as the product in stores changes.

The Nutramigen Enflora LGG is appearing in some stores now. How quickly a retailer is converted over to the new formula will depend upon their turnover time for Nutramigen. I recommend keeping in contact with your retailers during the transition time so local agency staff are aware which product is available. Retailers are being advised of this formula change also.

Mead Johnson has also introduced a new formula named Nutramigen AA. It is a hypoallergenic, amino acid-based formula for infants and toddlers with severe cow's milk protein allergy or multiple food protein allergies. It is similar in nature to Neocate and Elecare. Montana WIC will issue Nutramigen AA with a valid prescription. This product is not available in retail stores and must be special ordered from the company.

Please contact Kim at 1-800-433-4298 or at kmondy@mt.gov with any questions on these formulas.